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Enclosure 5a1-5a13
August 21, 2018

Ken Wagner, Ph.D.
Commissioner

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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

FROM: Ken Wagner, Ph.D., Commissioner *KW*

RE: Approval of Regulations for Direct Final - 30-day Public Review and Comment
Enclosures 5a1 – 5a13

In addition to reformatting to meet the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) of 2016 that all state agency regulations be converted to a standardized format by December 2018 to ensure public access and transparency, the following regulations required some additional slight modifications, which prompts limited rule making and opportunity for a 30-day of public review and comment:

The proposed modifications are not expected to be controversial and will take effect thirty (30) days after publication, if no objection is received.

- **Regulations Governing the School Calendar and Length of the School Day**
- **State Regulations Governing the Education of Homeless Children and Youth**
- **Regulations of the Comprehensive Early Childhood Education Program – Standards for Approval of Preschool and Kindergarten Programs**
- **Educator Evaluation System Regulations**
- **Regulations Governing the Education of English Language Learners**
- **RI School Construction Regulations**
- **Rules Governing the Annulment of Certificates**
- **Physical Restraint Regulations**
- **Regulations for Approval of Nonpublic Schools**
- **Procedural Rules for Appeals to and Hearings before the Commissioner**
- **Petition for Rule-making**
- **Declaratory Order Procedure**
- **Conduct of Public Hearings**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approves regulations presented in Enclosures 5a1 – 5a13, for the purpose of a 30-day Public Review and Comment period.